

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Arthur-Jeanglaude for the courtesy extended to the undersigned during the June 30, 2009 telephonic interview discussing this application. The substance of that interview is reflected in the following remarks.

The pending claims are all rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Specifically, the Official Action states that various means-plus-function recitations are indefinite because "the written description fails to disclose the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function".

During the interview, the Examiner clarified that this rejection was set forth to ensure that the corresponding structure, material, or acts for those recitations are disclosed, and that an appropriate response would be to point out where in the specification the corresponding structure, material, or acts for those recitations are disclosed. As discussed in detail below, the corresponding structure, material, or acts for those recitations are in fact disclosed in the specification.

With respect to the recited vehicle-body speed obtaining means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of Step 410 in the second full paragraph on page 29 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

With respect to the recited steering-member operating amount obtaining means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of the steering angle

sensor 52 in the first full paragraph on page 23 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

With respect to the recited actual lateral acceleration related quantity obtaining means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of the actual yaw rate sensor 54 in the first full paragraph on page 23 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

With respect to the recited target lateral acceleration related quantity calculating means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of Step 510 in the paragraph bridging pages 30 and 31 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

With respect to the recited road-surface friction coefficient obtaining means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of Step 1325 in the third full paragraph on page 51 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

With respect to the recited target lateral acceleration related quantity limiting means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of Step 1425 in the paragraph bridging pages 52 and 53 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

With respect to the recited braking force control means, Applicants respectfully submit that the discussion of Step 835 from line 12 of page 40 to line 9 of page 41 of the specification constitutes a disclosure of the corresponding structure, material, or acts for the claimed function.

The pending claims are therefore definite, and withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Moreover, as the Official Action sets forth no prior art rejections, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action with respect to this application is therefore respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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